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Morning,

A few points need to be covered off as we run into the weekend.

The protective operations deployment remains in good shape. There are the usual moral/fatigue factors at play, but no material issues. The command structure in all aspects, inclusive of logistics, is running without material issue.

The deployment into the OPS is slotted for today at sixteen members. Logistics are in place to support this deployment. It will remain administratively managed by the Oi/c Human Resources for the project to ensure compliance with the Collective Agreement and such. The operational management will rest with the OPS. **The MOU with OPS should be arriving soon and I would ask that Legal**

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The number of fifty to the OPS line is not likely attainable today. Media around our deployment is high and HQ will take the lead.

The material issue right now concerns the way forward for the OPS command and control over the protest proper. Yesterday, I was, on my own request, invited into a "Big Twelve" meeting. The latter is simply a caucus of the twelve largest services in Ontario. **During this meeting the Chief of OPS was pressed for a plan; Chief Sloly advised that this would be on offer within twenty-four hours.** This plan will be essential in moving forward for the OPS. Comment is reserved as to why this is not in place already; I simply do not have reasons before me, and I see no need to engage in speculation.

During this same "Big Twelve" meeting the Commissioner of the OPP agreed to stand up the PEOC (Provincial Emergency Operations Center). The PEOC would allow the proper provincial coordination of this matter. I do not know why, but I suspect it is because no request was ever made of the Commission of the OPP to do so. This system was known to myself and others in our organization after the October Attack in 2014 by different names and monikers, but it is a very effective way to distribute information and marshal resources. In fact, it is the only real way, in my view, to service something like this protest in Ontario.

The above noted point remains very important here, if we move to a directly engaged operational posture with the protest proper, the OPP will become the key partner to us. This posture will have to be separate from the current command org chart for the Protective end of this event. If we move in that direction I will be seeking OPP injection at all levels of deployment. There is, pragmatically speaking, no other way of going about it in this province.

I will leave it at that for now as we have to see what ensues from the OPS plan. It is not the command structure that is at issue, but composition for anything outside the protective remit.. We are in a Federal Division and this is a Contract matter – at its heart.

It is duly noted that there are fatigue factors at all levels. If this becomes a material issue within the command structure then you will be advised. It is manageable right now.

Regards Ches